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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

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David WALLACH et al

Art Unit: 1635

Appln. No.: 09/155,676

Examiner: J. Epps

Filed: January 4, 1999

Washington, D.C.

For: MODULATORS OF TNF RECEPTOR)

March 20, 2002

ASSOCIATED FACTOR (TRAF), THEIR PREPARATION AND USE

## **AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 20, 2001, petition for a one-month extension of time and payment being attached hereto, please amend as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 51 and 53 as follows:

- 51 (Amended). A polypeptide that binds to TRAF2 and modulates the activity of NF-xB, said polypeptide comprising:
- a) the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, an amino acid sequence encoded by the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:6, or the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:5;
- b) an amino acid sequence of a fragment of a), which fragment binds to TRAF2 and modulates the activity of NF- $\kappa B$ ;
- c) an amino acid sequence of an analog of a) or
  b), having no more than ten changes in the amino acid sequence
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